



Fire Safety Programs for Schools & Preschools

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Registration

All programs and materials are free of charge to City of Seattle children and educators. Registration is easily accessed online 24 hours a day at www.seattle.gov/fire. Questions can be directed via email to fireinfo@seattle.gov or by calling 206-386-1338.

Because of busy firefighter schedules, in-person events require registration four weeks in advance of the visit.

Pre-K & Kindergarten

To address the safety needs of this especially vulnerable age group, the Seattle Fire Department offers a comprehensive program encompassing both fire safety and injury prevention. Developed by experienced educators, these programs target children from three to five years of age.

Preschool Fire Safety Program

The fire safety program utilizes the award-winning **Play Safe! Be Safe!** kit to teach four important lessons:

- Firefighters are our friends
- Crawl low under smoke
- Stop! Drop! And Roll!
- Keep away from matches & lighters



The **Play Safe! Be Safe!** kit is mailed free of charge to teachers working at preschools and daycares in the City of Seattle. Each kit contains a 20 minute video, activity boards, card game and teacher's manual.

Preschool Injury Prevention Program

Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for children three to five years old. The **Smart Kids! Safe Kids!** injury prevention curriculum was developed by Seattle Fire Department and King County Emergency Medical Services to target four of the main injury categories relevant to this age group.

- Burn & scald prevention
- Poisoning prevention
- Pedestrian safety
- Head injury prevention with bike helmets



Resource Guide for Preschool Teachers

The **Smart Kids! Safe Kids! Resource Guide for Preschool Teachers** is a great tool for preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Engaging lesson plans and fun classroom activities help students learn safe behaviors.

Each guide contains:

- Articles on a variety of fire and life safety topics
- Lesson plans geared to teach safety to preschoolers
- Classroom activities and ideas
- Additional fire and injury prevention resources

All programs and materials are FREE.
Register on-line at www.seattle.gov/fire or call 206-386-1338.

Elementary

Seattle Fire Department educators have developed a number of resources for teachers and group leaders to teach children important fire and life safety skills.

Seattle Fire Department's Activity Workbook

A collection of educational activities to help teachers incorporate fire and life safety messages into the classroom. Grades 1-5.

Feature Firefighter Handouts

Fun single-sheet activities that incorporate learning goals with stories about Seattle firefighters.

Fire Safety Suitcase

Fire safety education packed into a convenient suitcase. Each suitcase contains interactive lesson plans and hands-on activities that meet a variety of learning styles and goals. The Safety Suitcase can be borrowed for two weeks at a time. Available in two developmental levels: Grades 1-3, Grades 4-5.



Firefighter Visits & Tours

Visits and tours provide students with a unique opportunity to meet firefighters in person and to learn how they help keep our city safe. Groups of 25 or more may request a visit from their local fire station. Groups of less than 25, including adult chaperones, may take a field trip to the station. Refer to the map on page 4 to locate a fire station to tour. Pre-registration is required four weeks in advance of your visit.

All Ages

Fire Stoppers Firesetting Intervention Program

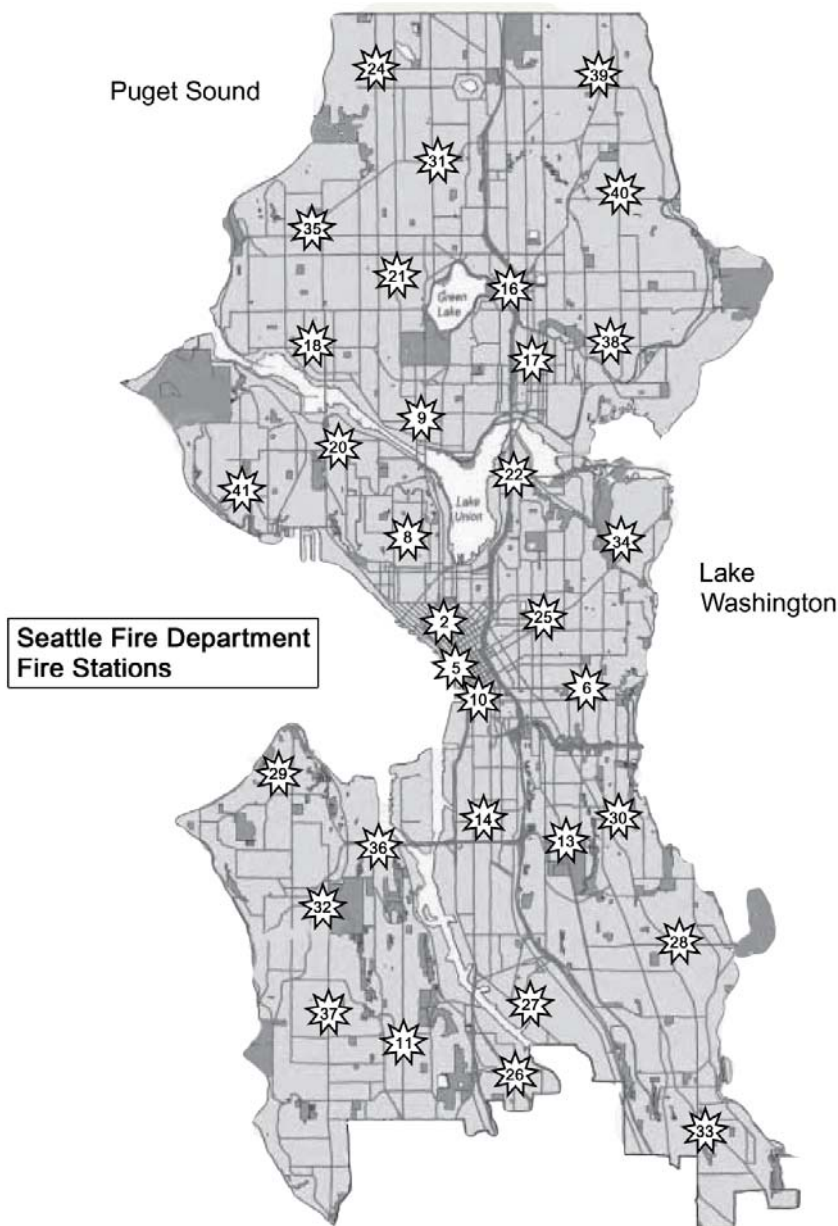
Whenever a fire occurs at school, the Seattle Fire Code requires that the Fire Department be notified. As soon as the fire is discovered a call to 911 should be made, even if the fire itself is extinguished.

To effectively respond to the issue of child firesetting, the Seattle Fire Department has developed a free, confidential education program for children who show curiosity about fire, have started a fire or engage in unsafe fire play. The Fire Stoppers Program engages children's interest and is informative for parents. The program involves an assessment of the child's fire use, age-appropriate activities that help the child learn about being safe around fire, and information for parents on how to keep their whole family safe. For those children who would benefit from additional help, referrals are available for behavioral health services.

Schools wishing to refer students to the Fire Stoppers program should consult their school administrators for a referral form. The Fire Stoppers Program can be reached by calling 206-386-1338 or by email at firestoppers@seattle.gov.



For over 50 years, the Seattle Fire Department has provided fire safety education to students in both public and private Seattle schools. This tradition continues today with a variety of fire and life safety programs for teachers and students.



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